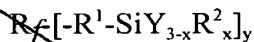


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 An antireflective article comprising a substrate having an antireflective surface and an antisoiling coating that is at least partially cured thereon; wherein the antisoiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying a
5 coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:



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10 wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof; R^2 is a lower alkyl group; Y is a halide, a lower alkoxy group, or a lower acyloxy group; x is 0 or 1; and y is 1 or 2.

2. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the antireflective surface
15 comprises a metal oxide film having one or more metal oxides.

3. The antireflective article of claim 2 wherein the antireflective surface
comprises a vacuum deposited metal oxide film.

20 4. The antireflective article of claim 3 wherein the antisoiling coating is at least about 15 Angstroms thick.

5. The antireflective article of claim 4 wherein the antisoiling coating is no greater than about 150 Angstroms thick.

25 6. The antireflective article of claim 1 which has a first surface antireflectivity that is different by less than about 0.5 percentage units from that of the same article without the antisoiling coating.

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7. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane wherein each Y is a lower alkoxy group.

5 8. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane wherein R_f is a perfluoropolyether group.

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9. The antireflective article of claim 8 wherein the coating is prepared by 10 applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane wherein R_f is a perfluoropolyether group comprising perfluorinated repeating units selected from the group of -(C_nF_{2n})-, -(C_nF_{2n}O)-, -(CF(Z))-, -(CF(Z)O)-, -(CF(Z)C_nF_{2n}O)-, -(C_nF_{2n}CF(Z)O)-, -(CF₂CF(Z)O)-, and combinations thereof, 15 wherein n is about 1 to about 4 and Z is a perfluoroalkyl group, an oxygen-substituted perfluoroalkyl group, a perfluoroalkoxy group, or an oxygen-substituted perfluoroalkoxy group, each of which has about 1 to about 9 carbon atoms and 0 to about 4 oxygen atoms.

10. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the coating is prepared by 20 applying a coating composition comprising a fluorinated silane selected from the group of XCF₂O(CF₂O)_m(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, C₃F₇O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)X, XCF(CF₃)O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)X, XCF₂O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, CF₃O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, X(CF₂)₃O(C₄F₈O)_p(CF₂)₃X, and mixtures thereof, wherein: -X is -R¹-SiY_{3-x}R²_x as defined above in formula I or a terminal group 25 selected from the group of (C_nF_{2n+1})-, (C_nF_{2n+1}O)-, (X'C_nF_{2n}O)-, and (X'C_nF_{2n+1}O)- wherein X' is H, Cl, or Br, with the proviso that at least one X group per molecule is a silane; an average value of m is within a range of about 1 to about 50; and an average value of p is within a range of about 4 to about 40.

11. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the antisoiling coating composition further includes an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether.

12. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein R¹ includes about 2 to about 5 16 carbon atoms.

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13. An antisoiling coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether, wherein the fluorinated silane has the following 10 formula:

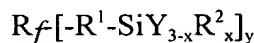
$$R_f[-R^1-SiY_{3-x}R^2_x]_y \quad (I)$$

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R¹ is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof; R² is a lower 15 alkyl group; Y is a halide, a lower alkoxy group, or a lower acyloxy group; x is 0 or 1; and y is 1 or 2.

14. The antisoiling composition of claim 13 wherein R_f has an approximate average structure selected from the group of -CF₂O(CF₂O)_m(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂-, -CF(CF₃)O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)-, -CF₂O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂-, and -(CF₂)₃O(C₄F₈O)_p(CF₂)₃-, wherein m has an average value of 0 to about 50, and p has an average value of 0 to about 50, with the proviso that both m and p cannot be 0 in the same group.

15. A method of applying an antisoiling coating to a substrate having an antireflective surface, the method comprising treating the antireflective surface with a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

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wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof; R^2 is a lower alkyl group; Y is a halide, a lower alkoxy group, or a lower acyloxy group; x is 0 or 1; and y is 1 or 2.

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16. The method of claim 15 wherein the coating composition further comprises a nonchlorinated solvent selected from the group of a fluorinated alkane, an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

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17. The method of claim 15 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising a fluorinated silane selected from the group of $XCF_2O(CF_2O)_m(C_2F_4O)_pCF_2X$, $C_3F_7O(CF(CF_3)CF_2O)_pCF(CF_3)X$, $XCF(CF_3)O(CF(CF_3)CF_2O)_pCF(CF_3)X$, $XCF_2O(C_2F_4O)_pCF_2X$, $CF_3O(C_2F_4O)_pCF_2X$, $X(CF_2)_3O(C_4F_8O)_p(CF_2)_3X$, and mixtures thereof, wherein:

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- X is $-R^1-SiY_{3-x}R^2_x$ as defined above in formula I or a terminal group selected from the group of $(C_nF_{2n+1})-$, $(C_nF_{2n+1}O)-$, $(X'C_nF_{2n}O)-$, and $(X'C_nF_{2n+1}O)-$ wherein X' is H, Cl, or Br, with the proviso that at least one X group per molecule is a silane;

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an average value of m is within a range of about 1 to about 50; and an average value of p is within a range of about 4 to about 40.

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16. The method of claim 15 wherein the antisoiling coating formed is at least about 15 Angstroms thick.

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19. The method of claim 18 wherein the antisoiling coating formed is no greater than about 150 Angstroms thick.

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21 20. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of treating comprises coating the composition at room temperature followed by heating the coated composition at a temperature of at least about 100°C.

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21. The method of claim ~~15~~ wherein the coating composition comprising the fluorinated silane comprises less than about 2.0 weight percent of the fluorinated silane.

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22. The method of claim ~~15~~ wherein the step of treating comprises continuously roll coating the composition onto the substrate.

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23. The method of claim 22 wherein the step of gravure coating comprises feeding the coating composition to a doctor blade, transferring the coating composition from the doctor blade to a gravure roll, and applying the coating composition to the antireflective surface of the substrate from the gravure roll.

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24. The method of claim ~~23~~ wherein the step of coating the antisoiling coating composition further comprises applying a soft roll to a surface opposing the antireflective surface of the transparent substrate.

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25. The method of claim ~~22~~ wherein the antisoiling coating composition further comprises a nonchlorinated solvent.

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26. The method of claim ~~25~~ wherein the solvent is selected from the group of a fluorinated alkane, an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

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27. The method of claim ~~26~~ wherein the solvent is an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether.

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28. An antireflective article made by the method of claim ~~22~~.

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29. An antireflective article comprising:
a transparent substrate having a first surface and a second surface;
an antireflective coating on at least a portion of the first surface; and

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~~an antisoiling coating comprising siloxane groups and polyfluoropolyether segments covalently bonded to silicon via organic linking groups, wherein the polyfluoropolyether segments have a molecular weight of at least about 1000.~~

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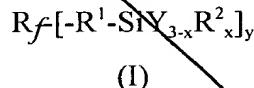
~~30. The antireflective article of claim 29 wherein the organic linking groups include nitrogen atoms.~~

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~~31. The antireflective article of claim 30 wherein the antisoiling coating has a fluorine atom to nitrogen atom ratio of about 25 to about 150.~~

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~~32. The antireflective article of claim 29 wherein the antisoiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:~~



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~~wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof; R^2 is a lower alkyl group; Y is a halide, a lower alkoxy group, or a lower acyloxy group; x is 0 or 1; and y is 1 or 2.~~

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~~34. The antireflective article of claim 32 wherein the R^1 group contains heteroatoms or functional groups and is optionally substituted with halides.~~

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~~35. The antireflective article of claim 34 wherein R^1 is a divalent hydrocarbon containing at least one functional group.~~

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~~36. The antireflective article of claim 29 wherein the transparent substrate comprises a flexible organic polymeric material.~~

31 36. The antireflective article of claim 35 further comprising an adhesion-enhancing coating disposed between the flexible organic polymeric substrate and the antireflective coating.

5 38 31. The antireflective article of claim 36 wherein the antireflective coating comprises a metal oxide film having one or more metal oxides.

39 38. The antireflective article of claim 37 wherein the antireflective surface comprises a vacuum deposited metal oxide film.

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39. The antireflective article of claim 35 further including a layer of a pressure sensitive adhesive disposed on the second surface of the substrate.

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